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COPLAND'S PATENT.

GEORGE THE THIRD, by the grace of God, &c., to all to whom these Presents shall come greeting.

WHEREAS ROBERT COPLAND, of Liverpool, in the County of Lancaster, Merchant, hath by his petition humbly represented unto us that he hath
5 invented "**THE MEANS OF EFFECTING A SAVING IN THE CONSUMPTION OF FUEL**;" that he is the first and true Inventor thereof, and that the same hath not been practised by any other person or persons whomsoever to his knowledge or belief; the petitioner, therefore, most humbly prayed that we would be graciously pleased to grant unto him, his executors, admors, and assigns, our
10 Royal Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of our United Kingdom, for the sole use, benefit, and advantage of his said Invention, within England, Wales, and the Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and also in all our Colonies and Plantations abroad, for the term of fourteen years, pursuant to the Statute in that case made and provided, and we, being willing to give encouragement to
15 all arts and inventions which may be for the public good, are graciously pleased to condescend to the petitioner's request.

KNOW YE, THEREFORE, that we, of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and meer motion, have given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our heirs and successors, do give and grant unto the said Robert
20 Copland, his executors, admors, and assigns, our especial license, full power, sole privilege and authority, that he, the said Robert Copland, his executors, admors, and assigns, and every of them, by himself and themselves, or by his and their deputy or deputies, servants or agents, or such others as he, the said

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Robert Copland, his executors, admors, or assigns, shall at any time agree with, and no others, from time to time and at all times hereafter during the term of years herein expressed, shall and lawfully may make, use, exercise, and vend his said Invention within that part of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called England, our Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick- 5 upon-Tweed, and also in all our Colonies and Plantations abroad, in such manner as to him, the said Robert Copland, his executors, admors, and assigns, or any of them, shall in his or their discretions seem meet; and that he, the said Robert Copland, his executors, admors, and assigns, shall and lawfully may have and enjoy the whole profit, benefit, commodity, and advantage 10 from time to time coming, growing, accruing, and arising by reason of the said Invention, for and during the term of years herein mentioned; to have, hold, exercise, and enjoy the said license, powers, privileges, and advantages herein-before granted or mentioned to be granted unto the said Robert Copland, his executors, admors, and assigns, for and during and unto 15 the full end and term of fourteen years from the date of these Presents next and immediately ensuing, and fully to be complete and ended according to the Statute in such case made and provided. And to the end that he, the said Robert Copland, his executors, admors, and assigns, and every of them, may have and enjoy the full benefit and the sole use and exercise 20 of the said Invention, according to our gracious intention herein-before declared, we do by these Presents, for us, our heirs and successors, require and strictly command all and every person and persons, bodies politick and corporate, and all other our subjects, of what estate, quality, degree, name, or condition soever they be, within that said part of our United Kingdom of 25 Great Britain and Ireland called England, our Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and also in all our Colonies and Plantations abroad aforesaid, that neither they nor any of them, at any time during the continuance of the said term of fourteen years hereby granted, either directly or indirectly, do make, use, or put in practice the said Invention, or any part of the same 30 so attained unto by the said Robert Copland as aforesaid, nor in anywise counterfeit, imitate, or resemble the same, nor shall make or cause to be made any addition thereunto or subtraction from the same, whereby to pretend himself or themselves the inventor or inventors, deviser or devisors thereof, without the license, consent, or agreement of the said Robert Copland, his 35 executors, admors, or assigns, in writing under his or their hands and seals first had and obtained in that behalf, upon such pains and penalties as can or may be justly inflicted on such offenders for their contempt of this our royal command; and further to be answerable to the said Robert Copland,

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his executors, admors, and assigns, according to law, for his and their damages thereby occasioned. And moreover, we do by these Presents, for us, our heirs and successors, will and command all and singular the justices of the peace, mayors, sheriffs, bailiffs, constables, headboroughs, and all other officers and
5 ministers whatsoever of us, our heirs and successors, for the time being, that they nor any of them do not, nor shall at any time hereafter during the said term hereby granted, in anywise molest, trouble, or hinder the said Robert Copland, his executors, admors, or assigns, or any of them, or his or their deputies, servants, or agents, in or about the due and lawful use or
10 exercise of the aforesaid Invention, or any thing relating thereto: Provided always, and these our Letters Patent are and shall be upon this condition, that if at any time during the said term hereby granted it shall be made appear to us, our heirs or successors, or any six or more of our or their Privy Council, that this our grant is contrary to law or prejudicial or incon-
15 venient to our subjects in general, or that the said Invention is not a new invention as to the public use and exercise thereof in that said part of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called England, our Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and also in all our Colonies and Plantations abroad aforesaid, or not invented and found out by the said Robert
20 Copland as aforesaid, then, upon signification or declaration thereof, to be made by us, our heirs or successors, under our or their signet or privy seal, or by the Lords and others of our or their Privy Council, or any six or more of them, under their hands, these our Letters Patents shall forthwith cease, determine, and be utterly void to all intents and purposes, any thing herein-
25 before contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding: Provided also, that these our Letters Patent, or any thing herein contained, shall not extend or be construed to extend to give privilege unto the said Robert Copland, his executors, admors, or assigns, or any of them, to use or imitate any invention or work whatsoever which hath heretofore been found
30 out or invented by any other of our subjects whatsoever, and publicly used or exercised in that said part of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called England, our Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, or in any of our Colonies and Plantations abroad aforesaid, unto whom like Letters Patent or privileges have been already granted for the sole use,
35 exercise, and benefit thereof, it being our will and pleasure that the said Robert Copland, his executors, admors, or assigns, and all and every other person and persons to whom like Letters Patent or privileges have been already granted as aforesaid, shall distinctly use and practice their several Inventions by them invented and found out, according to the true intent and

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meaning of the same respective Letters Patent and of these Presents: Provided likewise, nevertheless, and these our Letters Patent are upon this express condition, that if the said Robert Copland, his executors or admors, or any person or persons who shall or may at any time or times hereafter during the continuance of this grant have or claim any right, title, or interest 5 in law or equity of, in, or to the power, privilege, and authority of the sole use and benefit of the said Invention hereby granted, shall make any transfer or assignment, or any pretended transfer or assignment of the said liberty and privilege, or any share or shares of the benefit or profit thereof, or shall declare any trust thereof to or for any number of persons exceeding the number of 10 five, or shall open or cause to be opened any book or books for public subscriptions, to be made by any number of persons exceeding the number of five, in order to the raising any sum or sums of money under pretence of carrying on the said liberty or privilege hereby granted, or shall, by him or themselves, or his or their agents or servants, receive any sum or sums of 15 money whatsoever of any number of persons exceeding in the whole the number of five for such or the like intents or purposes, or shall presume to act as a corporate body, or shall divide the benefit of these our Letters Patent, or the liberty and privileges hereby by us granted, into any number of shares exceeding the number of five, or shall commit or do, or procure to be com- 20 mitted or done, any act, matter, or thing whatsoever, during such time as such person or persons shall have any right or title, either in law or equity, in or to the said premises which will be contrary to the true intent and meaning of a certain Act of Parliament, made in the sixth year of the reign of our late Royal Great Grandfather King George the First, intituled “An Act for the 25 better securing certain Powers and Privileges intended to be granted by His Majesty by Two Charters for Assurance of Ships and Merchandizes at Sea, and for lending Money upon Bottomry, and for restraining several extravagant and unwarrantable Practices therein mentioned,” or in case the said power, privilege, or authority shall at any time hereafter become vested in or in 30 trust for more than the number of five persons or their representatives at any one time (reckoning executors or admors as and for the single person whom they represent as to such interest as they are or shall be intituled to in right of such their testator or intestate), that then and in any of the said cases these our Letters Patent, and all liberties and advantages whatsoever 35 hereby granted, shall utterly cease, determine, and become void, any thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding: Provided also, that if the said Robert Copland shall not particularly describe and ascertain the nature of his said Invention, and in what manner the same is

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to be performed, by an instrument in writing under his hand and seal, and cause the same to be enrolled in our High Court of Chancery within ten calendar months next and immediately after the date of these our Letters Patent, that then these our Letters Patent, and all liberties and advantages whatsoever
5 hereby granted, shall utterly cease, determine, and become void, any thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding. And lastly, we do, by these Presents, for us, our heirs and successors, grant unto the said Robert Copland, his executors, admors, and assigns, that these our Letters Patent, or the enrolment or exemplification thereof, shall be in
10 and by all things good, firm, valid, sufficient, and effectual in the law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and shall be taken, construed, and adjudged in the most favorable and beneficial sense for the best advantage of the said Robert Copland, his executors, admors, and assigns, as well in all our Courts of Record as elsewhere, and by all and singular the officers and
15 ministers whatsoever of us, our heirs and successors, in that part of our said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called England, our Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and also in all our Colonies and Plantations abroad aforesaid, and amongst all and every the subjects of us, our heirs and successors, whatsoever and wheresoever, notwith-
20 standing the not full and certain describing the nature or quality of the said Invention, or of the materials thereto conducing and belonging.

In witness, &c. Witness, &c., the Twenty-first day of July.

By Writ of Privy Seal.

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